

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Title of the present application with the following amended Title:
**TARGETED NOTIFICATION OF A [[USERS]] USER OF A COMMUNICATION
SYSTEM BASED ON A GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THE USER**

Please replace line 20 on page 2 with the following amended line:

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a communications system capable of delivering and
exchanging data between a client system and a host system through a communication link.

Please replace line 21 on page 2 with the following lines:

Fig. 2 illustrates components of the client system shown in the communications system of
Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 illustrates components of the host system shown in the communications system of
Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 illustrates an Online Service Provider complex component of the host system
shown in the communications system of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 illustrates an Instant Messaging complex component of the host system shown in
the communications system of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 illustrates one particular implementation of the host system shown in Fig. 1.

Please replace lines 22-23 on page 2 with the following lines:

Fig. 7 illustrates a flow chart of a communications method that may be implemented by
the communications system of Fig. 1.

Fig. 8 illustrates a flow chart of a communications method that may be implemented by
the communications system of Fig. 1 to obtain polling information from a subset of online users.

Fig. 9 illustrates a flow chart of a communications method that may be implemented by
the communications system of Fig. 1 to display a notification message to a subset of online users.